

2004 Election Edition

Iowa vital to national race

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Editor-in-Chief

Iowa's voter registration deadline has now passed, and with just days left before Election Day, voters will soon cast their ballot to decide which candidate will receive the state's highly-coveted seven electoral votes. As one of 12 battleground states, Iowa's election results are expected to have a significant impact.

"If you look at the list of battleground states and note how frequently the candidates have been here, Iowa is absolutely vital to the outcome of the national race, even though it has only seven electoral votes," Dr. Dani Thomas, professor of political science, said.

In 2000, Iowa's seven electoral votes went to Democratic candidate Al Gore who narrowly defeated George W. Bush by less than one percentage point.

Now as the 2004 election approaches, the Bremer County auditor's office is preparing to handle hundreds of Wartburg students and other Bremer County voters who will go to the polls Nov. 2.

Bremer County deputy commissioner of elections Dorothy Hansel said at the last count, issued Oct. 1, 18,055 voters

were registered in Bremer County.

"Since then we've received probably another 500 (registration forms)," Hansel said.

Now that the voter registration deadline has passed, the auditor's office is busy handling absentee ballot requests.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 2. Depending on where they live on campus, Wartburg students will vote at either the 3rd Ward or 5th Ward polling places.

Students living in Clinton Hall, Founders Hall, the Complex, Grossmann Hall and Lohe Hall are all within the 3rd Ward and will vote at the Wartburg physical plant and maintenance building, located on the east side of campus on 12th Street N.W. Students living in Knights Village and the Manors fall into the 5th Ward and will vote at the Good Shepherd Chapel at Bartels Lutheran Home, located at 1922 Fifth Ave. N.W.

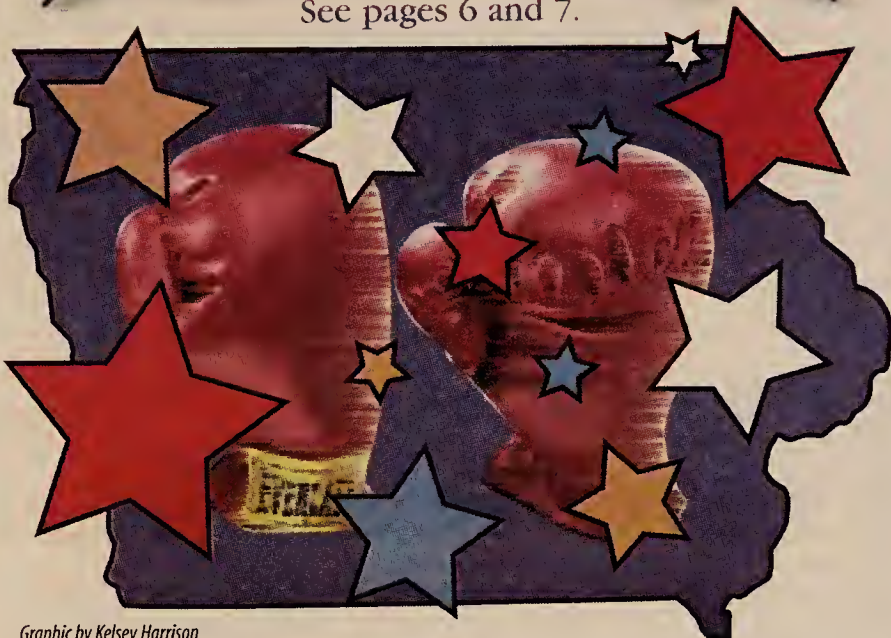
For more information on absentee ballots and voting procedures, contact the auditor's office, located in Room 106 of the Bremer County Courthouse. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and will also be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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DECISION 2004

Wartburg's guide to the election

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Graphic by Kelsey Harrison

Marijuana bust leads to freshman arrest

By TINA HINZ
News Editor

A Wartburg student was arrested Tuesday on the second floor of Hebron Hall and faces drug-related charges.

Freshman Ben Duitscher, 19, of Mason City was taken into custody by the Waverly police department for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, a Class D felony. He also was charged with possession of alcohol and drug paraphernalia, both simple misdemeanors.

Two cans of beer and various

drug-use materials were found at the scene. While the specific amount of marijuana was unavailable, more than one-half ounce must be confiscated for an individual to be charged with intent to deliver.

Duitscher spent the night in jail and was released on his own recognizance without bond Wednesday. Sgt. Jason Leonard of the Waverly police department said Duitscher faces up to a \$7,500 fine and no more than five years in prison.

Duitscher also acted against Wartburg's drug policy. The student handbook states on page 43 "the use, possession, sale or dis-

tribution of narcotic or dangerous and illegal drugs" is considered a violation of regulations.

Page 56 states, "Illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia are not permitted on the Wartburg campus." Duitscher has been referred to the student conduct board to determine disciplinary action at Wartburg.

John Myers III, director of campus security and safety, said a resident assistant called campus security after smelling marijuana smoke in the hallway. The smell was localized to one room, and the officer went outside to call Waverly police.

While outside, the security

officer observed occupants in the suspected room throwing bags containing marijuana out of an open window.

After police arrived, the resident consented to have the room searched.

According to Myers, campus security has received calls during the past two to three weeks from people smelling marijuana in Hebron but haven't had enough evidence to proceed with further action.

"We couldn't narrow it down to one door, or the smell dissipated by the time we got there," Myers said.

Had the student not consented

to a search, Myers said enough probable cause was available to freeze the scene for official authorization from the dean of students or until police attained the proper judge-issued search warrant.

This was the first drug bust for the 2004-2005 academic year, Myers said. Two students were arrested in the Fall of 2003 on drug-related charges, and in February a student charged with having an open container was found in possession of marijuana as well.

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Homemade flame thrower sets off Hebron fire alarm

By TINA HINZ
News Editor

A fire on the ground floor of Hebron Hall Thursday from a homemade flame thrower caused minor damages but no injuries.

A residence hall director initially called campus security about midnight Thursday after the Hebron fire alarm was activated. Complex residents evacuated the building.

According to John Myers III, director of campus security and safety, a student in or near Room 62 was using a lighter to ignite the spray from an aerosol can of air fresh-

ener, essentially "lighting the air on fire." Some of the hot liquid dripped onto papers, which caught fire.

End hallway doors were opened for ventilation, and alarms were reset within about 15 to 20 minutes, Myers said.

"I think there was probably visible smoke, but I don't think it was anything health- or life-threatening, especially if it cleared in five to 10 minutes," Myers said.

Damage costs have not yet been assessed. Burn marks on the tile floor and scorch marks on the lower portion of a door frame were reported.

"This is a good example of how something playful or inquisitive can have the

potential to be dangerous," Myers said. "Fortunately there was not a lot of combustible stuff in the area."

Pete Armstrong, associate dean of students and director of residential life, noted the damages "don't look that bad," but they could rack up a pricey bill.

Tile might be cleaned up with wax or buffing, but if replacement is necessary, the situation will be more costly. The flooring is a discontinued style, and it also contains asbestos, possibly linked with types of lung disease and cancer. This would require a specific removal procedure factoring into replacement costs.

Armstrong said tiles are currently solid

and glued down, so they pose no health threat to the nearly 370 Complex residents.

Disciplinary action will be handled internally through the college, and the student has been referred to the student conduct board.

Wartburg charges include violation of the open burning prohibition, vandalism of property and violation of rules, procedures and policies governing college-owned facilities, found on pages 39 and 43 of Wartburg's student handbook.

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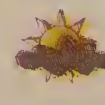
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Another look at election issues

By RUSS GOEREND
Columnist

Wow. Fertilizer? That's just silly. I'm really glad Nick Baker is here to step in and put a stop to the monotony on page 2 of the Trumpet.

Just to tie up a few loose ends: I've got my facts straight, and they were researched. I'll say it again, actually I'll just quote it from my last column: "Does it frighten me that President Bush hasn't created one new job since he took office?" George W. Bush has not created one job that is new to the economy. All those 1.5 million jobs he's created since last August are making up for the jobs he lost us in his first three years. The fact remains that as a nation, we have seen a decline of just over 1.1 million jobs since Bush took office. Now remember, I'm only using my Wartburg education, not an Ivy League inculcation, but 1.1 million fewer workers than when he took office is a lot. Especially when I'm looking for one.

Now let's look at that unemployment card Nick trumped me with. First the unemployment rates: 4.0%, 4.7%, 5.8%, 6.0%. Now the years, to match the rates, in order: 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003. Take special note to the way the



rates get bigger the longer Bush is in office.

To be honest, the research I do doesn't go back to before I was born. It rarely goes back to before the current administration. For one simple reason: we are not living in the 1970s, '80s nor '90s. It is 2004. And the unemployment rate has risen every year that George Bush has been in office.

Oh, and if you're wondering who has his facts straight, you don't have to believe what I say. Seriously. Inform yourselves. Because I believe that's the point Nick wanted to make. (I think ... it was either that or don't vote. I got confused.) Check out the U.S. Department of Labor: Bureau of Labor Statistics at <http://www.BLS.gov> — straight from the government.

As far as the draft goes, we'll just have to discuss that when we're standing next to each other on the front lines. I wasn't under the impression George Bush supported the draft either. John Kerry doesn't support the draft. I don't support the draft. I'm not sure of anyone who does. However, I am under the impression that our military is stretched thin.

Strangely, I'm not the only one under this impression. The Pentagon was getting the feeling as well so they set up a panel to check it out. The panel concluded in a new study that the U.S. military does not have sufficient forces to sustain current and anticipated stability operations, like the festering conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and other missions that might arise. Those are the panel's words, not mine.

We do not have a big enough military for the operations Bush has taken us into, or the ones that he will take us into in the next four years. Those are mine, not the panel's.

When I first wrote that column about not re-electing Bush I was half joking about getting drafted. The idea was to give you three valid reasons not to give him four more years (the state of the economy, the state of health care, and the state of employment) and then one off-the-wall reason which would bring your focus back to those other three. Call me tricky, I deserve it. But while my 24-hour long fear of being bombed by a plane has subsided, we all have plenty of other terrors between our borders of which to be scared.

And one other thing: VOTE. Vote twice if they let you. Vote for whomever you want. Vote if you know the issues, vote if you think you know the issues and vote if you're a newbie to the political game. Vote for whatever reason suits you. Yeah, that's right ... reason. Singular. Or reasons. Plural. Vote for Kerry because he's tall. Vote for Bush because he's short. Vote for Bush because he's pro-life. Vote for Kerry because he's pro-choice. Vote because we have freedom and that's the ONE reason American soldiers are dying across the world. Vote just like the people of Afghanistan did. Vote just like the people of Iraq will do. It's not just your right, it's your country. So take some ownership in it.

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Library is untapped campus resource

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Columnist

In addition to being a columnist for the Trumpet, I am also a student manager at Vogel Library. While working at the library for the past few years, I've noticed something disturbing here at Wartburg campus: the library is underused. For many students, it remains an untapped resource throughout their college careers.

This past May Term, for example, two students were wandering around the lower level looking



rather perplexed. When asked if they could be helped, the students revealed that they were seniors and were graduating in a couple of weeks. They had never been to the library before and thought it would be a good idea to go see what it looked like before they departed.

I am amazed that anybody could make it through a year of college, much less four, without going to the library for any reason at all. Yet, this is a common trend here at Wartburg. I know several people, one of my roommates included, who is lucky to be in the library for a total of an hour or two over an entire year. And then, when these students finally do make it to the library, they don't know how to search for books or even find where the books are located.

Last week I saw a student walk-

ing around looking lost, so I asked him if I could help him find something. He informed me he was trying to find a book on abortion. When asked if he had looked on iPac, the library's cataloging system, he looked at me as if I didn't understand and shook his head. "No," he replied, "I need a BOOK. I was dumbfounded that this particular student didn't even know what iPac was. How can students on a campus as small as Wartburg's know so little about the library?

Even if I didn't work there, I would still know at least a minimal amount about research methods. Every student is required to take EN 112, and in that course a librarian teaches at least one class on information literacy. In case you don't remember, that's where a librarian comes in and shows your class how to work the various

search tools. The librarians do this for many of the 100 level courses as well. Personally, I've sat through at least four of these classes.

I realize that many students do, in fact, use the library frequently. Yet, there are still those who do not. If you are one of these students, or if you know someone who neglects to take advantage of this resource, please take a little time out of your day to stop in. Say hello to one of the student workers. Play with the movable stacks. Read a newspaper. Look up a book. Ask the librarian a question. Check out a laptop. After all, we are paying thousands of dollars to be here to learn. You might as well do yourself a favor and check it out. No pun intended.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Nick Baker's column in last week's Trumpet. While I agree in the importance of informed voting, I object to his reasoning regarding students' criticism of Bush. To those who question Bush's intelligence, Baker wrote: "you're at Wartburg, Bush attended Yale; perhaps if we were attending Harvard or Berkley, I'd listen to this weak excuse of a reason." Just because we aren't at an Ivy League or comparably prestigious school doesn't mean our views aren't worth considering. A degree from Yale isn't a guarantee that someone will make intelligent decisions, and it certainly shouldn't place them above other people's examination.

Nicole Erspamer '08



Editor's note: This is a section that allows readers to submit an anonymous opinion in two sentences or less. Send submissions for "Blow Your Horn" to trumpet@wartburg.edu.

■ As a faculty member, it is very annoying when an e-mail message sent to my classes comes back to me because a student's "mailbox exceeds the allowed size," meaning these students need to clean out their e-mail boxes.

■ The spaghetti specials in the Den are great!

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Learning from the test of suffering

By PETER MORGAN
Columnist

Frequently I look around in the world news and I see a world where suffering has become one of the most prominent realities of our time.

I still believe humans have been created for eternal happiness. Yet traveling around the globe has allowed me to bear witness of a world in distress where very few have found this happiness I have thought is possible for everybody.

You may have been wondering why God, so loving for his children, does not save them. God has given us great resources, intelligence and most importantly, the ability to love and the need to be loved. Then he has given us the freedom to use it all and to be happy. This freedom,



misunderstood and misused by many has been the first cause of our sufferings. Putting others before the self is the only possible way to relieve our sufferings. After all, being free is meaningless if it is to live for oneself.

In third world countries where lack of food, medicines and education combined with poverty are the main causes of epidemics and disasters, it is understandable why people are suffering. What about in developed countries, where pretty much everything is available in excess to people? Looking deeper into the situation, it is not better at all. Life has become, for many, a heavy burden because of loneliness and materialism.

Many children in our generation are taught that happiness and success in life are defined by the amount of money you make, the food you eat and the place you spend your vacations. Many suffer psychologically because communication within families has never been so fragile. They are the victims of educational systems and societies that value competition rather

than cooperation and compassion, performance rather than values.

A society that teaches everything but how to love may look like advancing, but people will never find human happiness. Giving a sense to our lives is essential to relieve our sufferings and find our happiness and this can only be done if we turn our lives toward the others. Albert Einstein said, "Only a life lived for others is worth living."

I think about suffering as a test. Each one of us responds depending on our understanding of the concept, the circumstances in which the test was taken, and our previous experiences and education which together equal preparation. However, in most cases, the test's contents and timing are unpredictable. Suffering can have a great sense, I think about police officers and fire fighters sacrificing their lives in the twin towers.

From a medical perspective, alleviating suffering is the first role of the physician, but I think that his or her real task is to give a meaning to his patient's suffering by

relating the sufferers to their community. Through the connections the physician makes with his patients and his or her empathy, the physician serves as a bridge relating them to the other humans. Thus patients can find a sense to their pain, a feeling of warmth and a desire for recovery.

I am not carrying it alone, there are people sharing my sorrow and caring for me. Yes my suffering has a sense. It makes me believe that I am loved. For any patient, believing that one's life is important for others and feeling accepted by the community considerably improves his or her condition.

For me, my suffering helps me understand others feelings. It makes me human. Today what are you doing to relieve others' suffering? Look around you. There are many people who need your presence, your attention, your help or simply your smile. Do not search for materials, rather for humans. Be a gift for others and do not leave anyone in the cold.

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Act now to save next generation

By ANDREW DRYSDALE
Columnist

Don't give money to that starving child on your late night television screen. That's right, I



said it, don't give any donations, any money to that kid because it won't make a bit of difference. You're not going to save him. You know the kid I'm talking about. The one with the forlorn looking face, the pronounced cheek bones and sunken in eyes. The one with the distended belly and the legs as skinny as the arms. Truth be told, if you wanted to save him you should have done something a long time ago, so doing something now would simply be a waste of your money.

Civil war, corruption and strife have devastated his country for decades. All he's ever known in his short life is war and refugee camps, UNICEF hand outs and the knowledge that nothing is ever guaranteed; not breakfast, not lunch and not the next day. He may be living in Northern Uganda, what one U.N. official called the biggest neglected humanitarian emergency in the world; kidnapped from his village at the age of eight and forced to fight for the Lord's Resistance Army. By the age of 11 he has killed so many people that he lost count. He doesn't even remember where he was born or what his mother and father looked like.

Maybe she is an untouchable in the slums of Bombay, India. The chances for her to seek an education, to find a good husband, are almost zero.

There is no light of hope that one day she may be able to work her way up the social ladder and become a successful member of society. She is so poor that this kind of luxury is not even remotely made available to her.

He could be living meal to meal in Darfur, Sudan, hoping against all hope that the United States and the international community, the United Nations, takes action soon to help bring an end to the two decades of war and famine that have plagued his country.

The slums of Rio de Janeiro forced her into the seedy world of child prostitution as a means of supporting her family. She lives in a tin-roofed shack in the middle of a vast shanty town that extends for miles around her bed.

No matter the situation you are not going to save any of these people. Giving money isn't going to make any shred of difference in their lives. It's too late, you've waited too long. So why even try to do anything now?

You should start acting now because you can do something for the next generation. This generation is a lost cause, but changes can be made that could actually start to alleviate the suffering of the people that will inherit these living conditions. I have a hard time believing that my 25 cents a day is going to vastly improve the life of little Ana in her bombed out apartment in Grozny. The way I look at it, I'm just prolonging her suffering. My view may seem cold and callused, but it's realistic. Let's change the lives of people that can actually benefit from it, let's improve human rights and living conditions, not just give Ana powdered milk every second Thursday.

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Fire folly lessons

By JESSI LECLEAR
Columnist

Oh the loveliness of darkness when one is tired! I lie down after a particularly difficult night and shut my heavy eyes to the beautiful gloom behind the skin of my eyelids and begin to drift away to that wonderful world of sleep. All of a sudden, a dreaded sound, as if from Satan himself, wakes me from my slumber...



A fire alarm went off early Thursday morning around midnight in the Complex after some freshman (surprise, surprise) decided it would be fun to play with fire. Molly West, hall director of the Complex, says that "an aerosol can, a roll of toilet paper, and a lighter were all involved". No names have yet been released to public, but I indirectly ask those responsible, "Didn't your mamas ever teach you not to play with fire?" No big deal though, right? I mean, who needs sleep anyways? Surely not the students who ended up outside, some in their pajamas,

freshly awakened by the annoying sound of immaturity, or those tapping their feet impatiently, losing precious time they could be spending on last minute homework. It's not like they cared. And it's not like their families and friends would have cared either if the innocent act of stupidity had turned into an accidental disaster of flames and fury that could have devoured the building and everything and everyone in it.

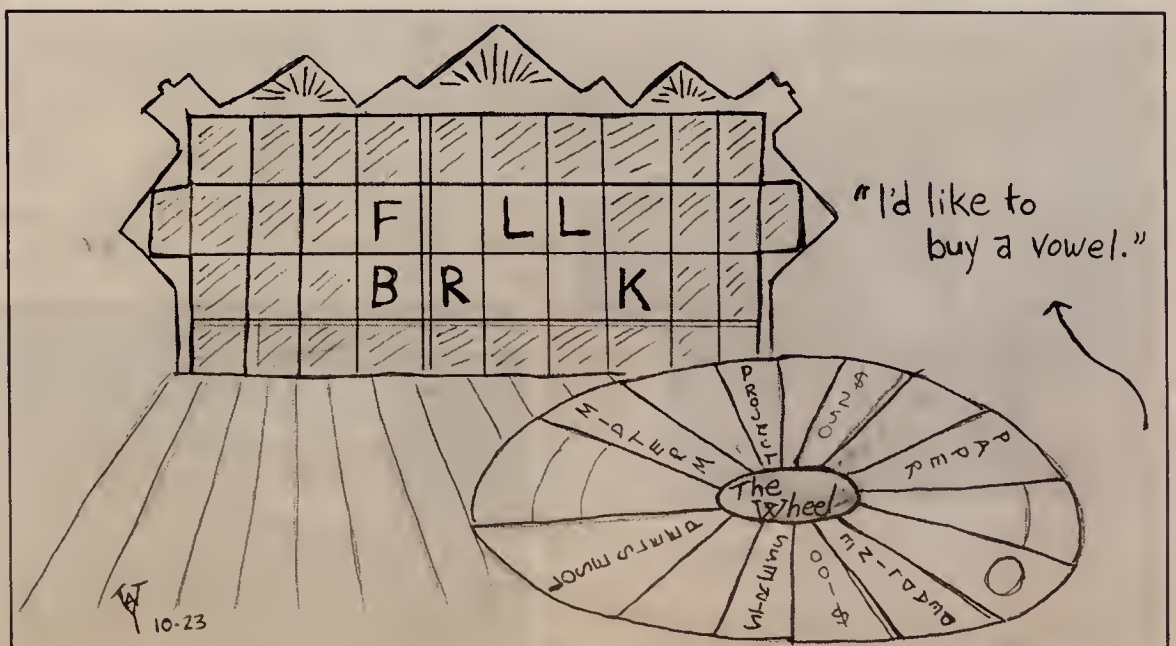
It's not my intention to single anyone out, I only wish to question the action of students sometimes. I am the last to say I have not been the initiator of some act of foolishness, but I can't help saying something when my life and the life of so many of my friends are put into danger. There are other ways in which to have an enjoyable time that don't involve hallway bonfires. I'm all for being childish and letting loose at times, but when the lives of others are put into danger, things change.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) claims that there are around 1,700 fires each year in colleges, all of which have caused 32 deaths in on-campus housing facilities since 1990. Does anyone recall the fire that killed three students and harmed 50 others at Seton Hall University in January of 2000? In regard to the occurrence, Nancy Fitzgerald, an author for Careers & Colleges Magazine, reported, "After repeated false alarms, students simply didn't take the real thing seriously enough". Is this the attitude students here at Wartburg will have if events like this continue to happen? Of course it is.

So kids, what do we learn from this? Perhaps the lesson here is to reconsider our clever ideas and take into mind the well being and safety of our fellow students. Or maybe we just need consider that famous quote used so often by our parents, "Don't do anything stupid."

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"... I can't help saying something when my life and the life of so many of my friends are put into danger."



Mars travel expert to speak

By MARI VOELKER
Staff Writer

Internationally-renowned astronautical engineer Dr. Robert Zubrin will speak as part of the convocation series at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 2 in Neumann Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

He will present his book, "The Case for Mars: The Plan to Settle the Red Planet and Why We Must" (Simon and Schuster, 1996), and he plans to highlight the research and plan for enacting humankind's habitation and settlement of Mars. His 16 years of experience has led him to confidently affirm humans will be able to send people to Mars within 10 years.

"We are more prepared today to send humans to Mars than we were to send men to the moon," Zubrin said. "We could be on Mars in eight years."

Zubrin will address the Wartburg audience for the first time. An expert in human planetary exploration, Zubrin has addressed NASA, representatives and science administrators of the White House as well as academic institutions, namely Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cal Tech,



Courtesy photo

SCIENCE-FICTION TO TRUTH?—This painting depicts what a habitat on Mars would look like. Dr. Robert Zubrin, convocation speaker on Nov. 2, believes humans will be sent to Mars within 10 years.

Stanford University and the University of Washington. He is the founder and president of Pioneer Astronautics, founded in 1996, as well as the Mars Society, founded in 1998.

At the convocation Zubrin will discuss "Mars Direct," a plan constructed by Zubrin that involves using current technology to create a human civilization on Mars, largely by using its own resources.



Dr. Robert Zubrin

Zubrin's arguments about Mars as "a new frontier" will not just be of interest to students who like engineering and science but also to those fascinated by or curious about a future planetary civilization. He insists the Mars exploration is "an issue that affects not just engineers. It opens a new chapter in human history, a new branch of human civilization."

"We are in the Christopher Columbus

stage. We are changing human history," Zubrin said, driven by the idea of Mars as "a new direction."

Zubrin has written many books, including "Entering Space: Creating a Spacefaring Civilization" in 1999 and his latest creation, "Mars on Earth: The Adventures of Space Pioneers in the High Arctic" released in 2003, which describes Zubrin and his team in the Arctic conducting a mission on Earth similar to a mission on Mars.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

SHOT CLINIC TO COME

The Health and Wellness Center will sponsor its last fall shot clinic Tuesday in the McCoy Conference Room of the Saemann Student Center. It will offer Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and Meningitis vaccinations.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FORENSICS TEAM

Members of the forensics team placed in a couple of categories at the Mid-American Forensics League event Saturday on campus. Junior Stephanie Baty placed second in persuasion. Senior Erika Quade took third in communication analysis, and senior Nicole Pearson was fifth in communication analysis.

RED RIBBON WEEK

This week is National Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon was born in response to the death of DEA agent Enrique (Kiki) Camarena, assassinated in 1983 by drug dealers while on duty in Mexico. Members of the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth, founders of Red Ribbon, wore small badges of red satin in memory of Camarena to encourage others to take a stand against alcohol and drug abuse. People can promote Red Ribbon Week by wearing red ribbons, educating themselves about harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and evaluating personal role-modeling behavior.

A KNIGHT'S ARMOR SEEKS SUBMISSIONS

A Knight's Armor, Wartburg's faith-based magazine, needs submissions including poetry, short stories, photography, devotions, reflections or any other faith expression. Send submissions to knightsarmor@wartburg.edu or Box 409 by Nov. 29.

LIVE MUSIC BROADCAST COMES TO MENSA

KWAR will do a live radio broadcast outside the Mensa from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. Five brand new adds for the week will be played, followed by the top five songs on the current KWAR charts. CDs and other prizes will be given away.

Koob reflects on Iranian hostage crisis 25 years later

By KRISTALL LAURSEN
Staff Writer

This November marks the 25th anniversary of the Iranian Hostage Crisis.

Katherine Koob, lecturer in communication arts, was one of the hostages held captive for 444 days during the years 1977 through 1980.

When asked to recap the events of those days she laughs and says, "For \$15,000 I'll resurrect it." Joking aside, Koob finds that it is still hard to blend in.

"Just yesterday I was at a conference in Minneapolis. Here I am at these lectures, and people come up to me and say, 'Are you the real thing? Katherine Koob?' and I'm like, 'Yes, I am.'"

Although constantly questioned about her experiences as a hostage, Koob's memories of past

events are not perfect.

"I don't remember a lot of details . . . it happened over 20 years ago."

What she does remember is the effect it had on her feelings toward Iranians. Some people have confronted her with the idea that it would be possible to hate the people of Iran after the crisis.

"Yeah, it would be, but life is too short," Koob said. "I have too much to do than sit around and hate a nation and a people who thought what they did was a good thing for themselves at the time."

It is apparent Koob's respect for Iranians is boundless.

"The Iranians are phenomenal. They are witty and clever and sharp . . . they have one of the oldest cultures in the modern world, and they have a literature that is just amazing."



Katherine Koob

Koob understands it was only a select few who held her against her will.

Some Americans have trouble embracing other cultures and set stereotypes about certain groups of people before ever having an experience of their own. Koob made sure when she left the United States, she was knowledgeable about the culture of Iran.

"I read something like 15 books about Islam, the culture, art. When I went (to Iran), I knew about the basic pillars, religion, the history, and I knew the things that could and could not happen."

Although she knew the possible threats, Koob found that it was more important to her to experience Iran. She did just that. While captive she made some interesting discoveries about their culture and ours.

"While being held I had a change of underwear. I would take the underwear to the bathroom where there was

water and soap, so I could wash it. There was a girl (from Iran) who asked me, 'Why do you always wrap your underwear (on the way to the bathroom)?' and I said, 'Well, the brothers don't want to see that.' She said, 'Well, women in America go around in their underwear all the time.'" Koob discovered that Iranians also had stereotypes and misunderstandings about Americans.

Koob knows that there are things that may never change, but she makes a great point.

"Many people want to generalize the Islamic nation as a whole," Koob said. "I would like to remind people that there are so many things we have in common."

"We must look at what is good. If we can focus on what we can do together positively, I know we can do good things. I want to see more compromise, more commonality and more understanding."

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Cleanup continues for sprinkler mishap in Founders Hall

By TINA HINZ
News Editor

Clean-up efforts continue in Founders Hall after fire sprinklers in Room 219 activated Oct. 17, causing water damage to the area.

Residents in Room 219 as well as the residence assistant in Room 120 below Room 219 have yet to return to their rooms.

John Wuertz '73, director of the physical plant, said painting has been done in both rooms, and new carpet is scheduled to arrive this week. Wuertz said students will be able to move back in after the carpet is laid on the floor.

Boilers in the basement were inspected Monday for damages after water seeped down through the walls and floors.

Damage costs are still being assessed. According to Pete Armstrong, associate dean of students and director for residential life, most likely the person at fault for the situation will be responsible for covering damage expenses.

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Wartburg Football
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Thursday at 8 p.m.

The Trumpet returns Nov. 15

There will be no issue Nov. 1 due to Fall Break and no issue Nov. 8 since members of the staff will be attending the Associated Collegiate Press National Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

Burning Questions?

Is there a Wal-Mart Supercenter coming to Waverly?

Most likely. According to a representative of the Waverly Area Development Group, Wal-Mart has been in town, and officials have looked at property. No official announcement has been made.

What happened to the Wartburg Progressives?

"While the (Wartburg) Progressives have not been active during the first part of the year, we plan to become more active with campus issues and political issues following the election," junior Alek Wipperman, Wartburg Progressives president, said. "Meetings should resume shortly after Fall Break when we will begin to focus on new issues." Anyone interested in more information or in joining can contact Wipperman at Ext. 7924 or alek.wipperman@wartburg.edu.

Send your Burning Questions to trumpet@wartburg.edu

Fall play will debut in lyceum



Erin Manson/TRUMPET

PANIC RELIEF—C.C. Showers (freshman Reggie Woods) calms Buddy Layman (senior Adam Van Briesen) during a scene from "The Diviners," this year's fall play.

By JESSICA NYSTEL
Staff Writer

Wartburg Players will debut in the McCaskey Lyceum with the fall play "The Diviners" Nov. 11 to Nov. 13. Doors open at 7 p.m. The curtain raises at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Leonard Jr.'s "The Diviners," set in rural Indiana during the Great Depression, focuses on mentally-challenged Buddy Layman (senior Adam Van Briesen) and his family.

C.C. Showers (freshman Reggie Woods) is a stranger who drifts into town and befriends Buddy. Townspeople later learn the stranger is a former priest who gave up his calling, and they demand he return to the church.

Wartburg Players previously performed in Players Theatre, and Dr. William Earl, director of the play and assistant professor of communication arts, said the cast and crew are adjusting to performing on a new stage.

Earl noted the lyceum "isn't quite finished cosmetically," and the rehearsal room is filled with equipment. The cast still practices in Players and has to consider how scenes will change when performed in the lyceum.

"The playhouse is about 2/3

the size of the lyceum stage, so while we're practicing, we always have to remember that we'll have more space," freshman Shantel Leary said. "It is difficult to practice on a stage that is not the stage for the actual performance."

Added seating in the lyceum will allow more people to attend than in previous years. According to Earl, Players seats about 200 people, while the lyceum can seat almost 300 when moveable seats are added.

Other changes include new lighting. Cords had to be strung up for lighting in Players, while the performance lighting wiring is mostly complete in the lyceum.

"Players Theatre is limited in lighting. We have 24 to 30 lights if we're careful," Earl said. "We could have 180 lights in the lyceum even if we're not careful."

The amount of curtains in the lyceum is another adjustment. Double-thick curtains absorb twice as much sound as Players, cutting down on echo.

"The actors really have to be aware to speak up," Earl said.

Tickets are free for Wartburg students and \$5 for the public.

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Weekly Record

Fire alarms
Oct. 16

11:15 p.m., second floor Founders Hall, false alarm. An unknown person set off a fire extinguisher, activating the fire alarm system. The hallway was ventilated, and the alarm was reset for occupants to return to their rooms. Investigation continues by campus security.

Oct. 17

9:55 a.m., second floor Founders Hall, fire sprinkler. A resident or guest removed a clothes hanger off a sprinkler pipe, striking a sprinkler head, breaking it and causing a sprinkler flow. The fire alarm was activated. Waverly fire department was called. The sprinkler flow was stopped, and the alarm was reset. A new sprinkler head also was installed. Investigation continues by residential life.

Thursday

12 a.m., Hebron Hall, hallway fire. A student playing with a lighter accidentally caught papers on fire, setting off the fire alarm system. No injuries were reported. Minor damages occurred to the floor and doorway. Action was referred to student life.

Campus security

Tuesday

9:40 p.m., Hebron Hall, drug and alcohol violations. A student was arrested for possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and beer in his room. A residence assistant on rounds noticed an odor he suspected to be marijuana and contacted campus security. The student was taken into custody by the Waverly police department, and the investigation continues.

Wednesday

9 a.m., Science Center, theft. A Science Center custodian reported two chairs missing and presumably stolen from a science lab. No witnesses were available. Investigation continues by campus security.

Police log

Jordan Perrinjaquet, 22, Waverly, was stopped at 2:13 a.m. Oct. 9 for excessive speeding. Subsequent to an investigation, he was arrested for first-offense operating while intoxicated.

Officers were dispatched at 12:15 a.m. Oct. 10 to 621 Fourth Ave. N.W. on a complaint of an underage drinking party that was out of control. Upon arrival and subsequent to investigation, Will James Mekeel, 18, Waverly, and Jacob Paul Helvey, 19, Waverly, were arrested and charged with possession of alcohol under legal age. Mekeel and Helvey were transported to the Waverly Law Center where they were booked and released on citation.

Leiana Jo Kaaihue, 20, Waverly, was stopped for no front plate on a vehicle. Subsequent to the stop, she was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

By SARAH GUHL
Staff Writer

The Courthouse Steps, Inc., a group of St. Louis lawyers, will perform Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium as part of the 2004-2005 Artist Series.

They will dance in costume and sing parodies on topics taken from recent news headlines. The group writes comical, bipartisan political lyrics to familiar tunes, including material from Broadway, rock 'n' roll, country and even "Sesame Street" tunes.

Courthouse Steps member Julie Fix credits some of the current material to the upcoming 2004 political election.

"We love the fact that this is an election season because it gives us great new material," Fix said. "We have expanded our repertoire to include several songs about notable characters in this election. We are, however, equal opportunity lampooners, and both sides of the political fence are fair game."



Courtesy photo

LAWYERS TO COMEDIANS—Members of Courthouse Steps, Inc. sing and dance to parodies of current news headlines.

Topics will also include Al Qaeda, SUV's, Botox, terrorist warnings and McDonald's.

Myrna Culbertson, artist series director, is partially responsible for bringing the group to campus. She heads a selection committee of community members, faculty, staff and students.

"We wanted something that

was timely as far as political and elections are concerned," Culbertson said. "I think it's time for some comic relief. It's just time to take some time out before the election."

Culbertson said Capitol Steps, a famous parody group, was unavailable. Courthouse Steps, however, had an interesting occupational perspective.

New faces add to enrollment management staff

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN
Assistant News Editor

David Wenthe, Betsy Girsch and Kayah-Bah Malecek have joined the enrollment management staff this academic year.

Wenthe works with Information Technology Services. Girsch '04 is an admissions counselor, recruiting students from southeast Iowa. Malecek is a Pathways Center associate helping with testing services. Malecek originally worked for admissions, but when Mary Traetow left the Pathways Center a few weeks ago, Malecek transferred there, so she has never really left the enrollment management staff.

"All of these positions were already existing," Dr. Edith Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management, said. "We try to

hire the person best qualified for the position and who will make an excellent contribution to the community, based on the community we are."

The enrollment office also has been working to gather this year's student retention rates.

"Retention is a sign students feel we are fulfilling our job successfully," Waldstein said.

According to Waldstein, 81 percent of the Fall 2003 freshman class has returned, which is the highest since 1997. Eighty-seven percent of the Fall 2003 sophomore class has returned, and 93 percent of the Fall 2003 junior class has returned.

Overall retention is near 86 percent, as high as it has been since Fall 2000. This is above average for most institutions. Nearly



Betsy Girsch



Kayah-Bah Malecek



David Wenthe

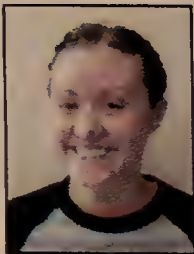
89 percent of women returned, and 82 percent of men have returned.

"We also saw a significant improvement in retention of diverse and international students," Waldstein said. "There is a clear correlation academically with those we retain. Those we retain do well academically and stay longer than other students."

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ABOUT FACE

Which issues matter to you in the upcoming election?



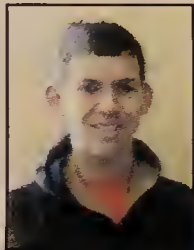
Chelsea Forbrook, sophomore
"Probably the whole Iraq situation and how we handle that. My brother is in the military, so I'm especially interested in making sure that the trip over there is for a good reason."



Luke Tjosvold, freshman
"Education — money coming to us for tuition."



Karleen Damlo, freshman
"Education, because I am an
education major, the No
Child Left Behind Act."



Eric Benson, freshman
"Foreign policy. North
Korea and Iraq and the
United States' relationship
with the UN."



Erin Yoder, sophomore
"The No Child Left Behind Act, because I am an education major. How they decide will affect my career."

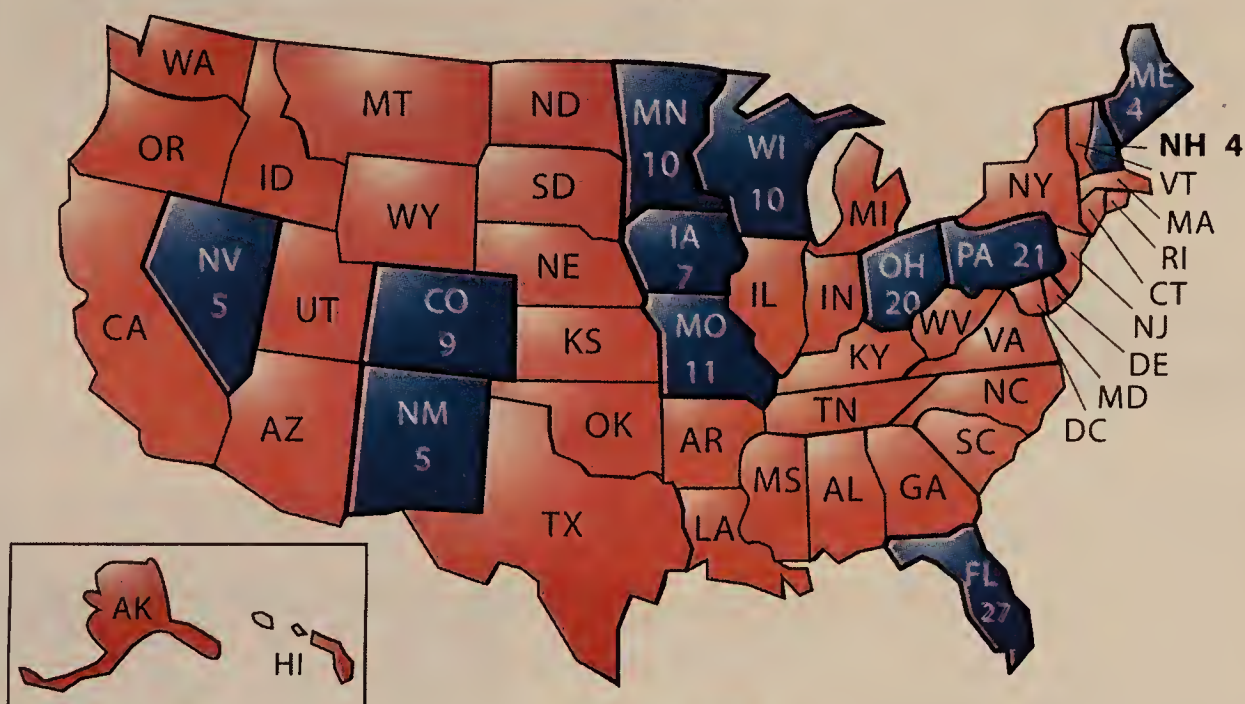




Matt Nolte, freshman
"A lot depends on the war in Iraq and how they go about solving the problem. [Also], Social Security is going to be bankrupt by the time we need it."

DECISION

Wartburg's guide

BATTLEGROUND STATES



 **Battleground states**  **Decided states**

Counting down to the presidency

Iowa is one of the 12 undecided battleground states where Bush and Kerry have been campaigning heavily to gain the 270 electoral votes necessary to win the presidency. With seven electoral votes, Iowa is an important state for the candidates to win. When all of the decided states have been totaled, it is a close race: Bush has 202 likely electoral votes, and Kerry has 203. Unless there is a surprise result in a decided state on election night, the battleground states will determine who will be in the White House for the next four years.

Students cast absentee ballots

By LAURA GREVAS
Staff Writer

Those wishing to vote absentee are in good company this year, although many students from out of state or other areas of Iowa chose to register in Waverly.

"I just transferred everything here because I'm gonna be in Iowa for all the elections," freshman Kenneth Goetz of Illinois said.

Students voting from other parts of Iowa should first obtain an absentee request form, either from the Bremer County auditor's office, by mail or by downloading it online. Once received at the auditor's office, students registered to vote in their home communities will receive a self-addressed stamped envelope and voting ballot in the mail. The last day to register to vote in Iowa was Saturday.

Ballots need to be returned to the auditor's office by mail, in person or via a registered courier. By turning in the request form at the office, one also can vote immediately. The last day to

request an absentee ballot in Iowa is by 5 p.m. Friday, and voters who wish to vote absentee in person must do so by 4:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at the county auditor's office.

Out-of-state students should contact their home auditor's offices.

Any student who votes absentee should use caution, however.

"They have to be very careful to follow directions exactly, or their ballot might be cast aside," Shelley Wolf, an employee at the auditor's office, said.

Students have various reasons for voting absentee.

"I've become very involved in my precinct, and I want to stay involved in Minnesotan government," freshman Lourey Middlecamp said.

Freshman Tasha Muller agrees.

"It was really easy, and [I chose to vote absentee] so I can still vote at stuff back home," she said.

Not everyone wants to go through the possible hassle of voting absentee, so many chose to keep votes close to Wartburg by registering in Waverly.

Some may even skip the registration process altogether.

"Actually, I'm going home to vote," Stuart Spencer, a sophomore and native of Washington, Iowa, said.

Voter registration numbers are up 300 percent statewide this year, in addition to the increase on campus. The Bremer County auditor's office has had more than 2,000 requests for absentee ballots, up from 1,500 four years ago. According to the Des Moines Register, statewide requests to vote early have risen from 276,836 in 2000 to 314,609 by Oct. 14.

For more information on voting via absentee ballot, pick up a flyer, which are distributed by the secretary of state, located in the Bremer County auditor's office. Those interested can also visit <http://www.sos.state.ia.us/> or <http://www.co.bremer.ia.us/departments/auditor/election.html>.

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Election Countdown 8 Days



Reuters/Zogby Daily Tracking Poll Oct. 21-23

Current national poll numbers*

Candidate	Percentage
Republican- George W. Bush	48
Democrat- John Kerry	46
Independent- Ralph Nader	1.0
Libertarian- Michael Badnarik	.4
Constitution- Michael Peroutka	.1
Green- David Cobb	.4
Other-	.2
Undecided-	4

*Margin of error: +/-2.9 percentage points

Student groups urge political involvement

By ALAN SIMMER
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, the election should be over. Until then, sophomore Mike Stetzel, junior Aimee Biggs and sophomore Stacy Tharp will be working hard to get students to vote.

Stetzel serves as the student coordinator for the New Voters Project, an organization dedicated to getting students registered to vote. Since the deadline to file voter registrations expired Saturday, the emphasis has shifted to making sure students vote.

The New Voters Project "has been phone banking and talking to students on campus to make sure they are both registered and also planning on voting," Stetzel said. Stetzel estimated more than 350 students have registered in the past few weeks.

Biggs is president of the Wartburg Democrats, which has also been working to get students registered and "just get students aware of the upcoming election." The organization took part in a "dorm storm" where volunteers went door-to-door on campus to make sure students were registered to vote.

The Democrats took orders "for 'Kerry for President' shirts, so we will have over 30 people wearing them on campus," Biggs said.

Tharp, the president of the Wartburg Republicans, has also been busy promoting the upcoming election. Tharp is currently getting students organized to travel to see President George W. Bush on Tuesday, Oct. 26, in Dubuque.

The Wartburg Republicans will be taking part in the "72-hour Plan" which calls for students to visit citizens in the area. The point is basically to "get people to go around Waverly and get out the vote," Tharp said.

The New Voters Project, along with other campus organizations, is sponsoring a "Get Out the Vote" concert on the eve of the election at 8 p.m. Nov. 1 in Players Theatre.

The concert will feature on-campus groups playing live music and will offer a "chance for Wartburg students to get together and have a blast!" Stetzel said.

The Wartburg Democrats meet Tuesday night to discuss plans for activities leading up to the election.

The Wartburg Republicans have no meetings currently scheduled but are planning to have an activity on election night.

For more information on these groups, contact Stetzel at Ext. 7911 or mike.stetzel@wartburg.edu, Biggs at Ext. 7029 or aimee.biggs@wartburg.edu, and Tharp at Ext. 7323 or stacy.tharp@wartburg.edu.

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WHAT?
Get Out the Vote event
WHEN?
Nov. 1 at 8 p.m.
WHERE?
Players Theatre
WHAT?
Live bands and free food
WHY?
To remind students to get out and VOTE!



John Kerry

- Rebuild alliances
- Train Iraqis better and faster
- Rebuild infrastructure

- Build stronger alliances
- Free America from dependence on foreign oil

- Strengthen security at chemical and nuclear plants, borders and ports

- Tax refund on college tuition
- Establish education trust fund
- Provide after-school programs

- End tax loopholes for companies that outsource jobs
- Raise minimum wage

- Will not cut benefits or privatize
- Opposes raising retirement age

- Invest \$5 billion in hydrogen power
- Use 20 percent renewable energy by 2020

- Provide coverage for every child
- Import drugs from Canada
- Streamline process

- More conservation
- Reduce mercury emissions by 90 percent
- Enforce Clear Water Act

- Roll back tax cuts for incomes over \$200,000
- Reduce taxes on the middle class

Information compiled by Alan Simmer



George W. Bush

The war in Iraq

- Encourage international support
- Move toward holding free elections

Foreign policy

- Improve intelligence resources
- Aid developing nations

Homeland security

- Pursue missile defense program
- Renew Patriot Act

Education

- No Child Left Behind
- Enhance Pell Grants
- Strengthen Headstart

Economy

- Make income tax cuts permanent
- Support federal research and development programs

Social Security

- In favor of partial privatization
- Extend to include inheritable assets

Energy

- Invest \$1.7 billion in hydrogen power
- Build natural gas pipeline to Alaska

Health care

- Medicare prescription drug benefit to start in 2006
- Blocks drug importation from Canada

Environment

- Pulled out of international treaty to reduce emissions that cause global warming

Taxation

- Make tax cuts permanent
- Simplify tax code

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Disc golf craze comes to Wartburg

By ERIN GUSTITUS
Staff Writer

Since the original flying disc, the "Pluto Platter," was thrown in 1949, popularity of this pastime has continued to grow in many forms.

From the simple throwing of a pie tin from the Frisbie Pie Company (hence the brand name and common term for the flying disc: Frisbee), to a soccer/football style game called Ultimate Frisbee, now it's a new form called disc or Frisbee golf.

Disc golf, officially invented in the 1970s, is rapidly developing popularity among all ages of people in both the United States and around the globe, including students at Wartburg.

"Disc golf is coming. It will be here," freshman August Moritz said. "It's popular right now, and eventually it will catch on even more so."

In 1976 when disc golf was still very new, there were only three disc golf courses in the nation. Today, there are 442 courses in the nation and over 100 in Europe, Japan and Canada. The reason for such an increase in the popularity of disc golf is because this sport appeals to all people of all physical abilities, Moritz said.

"[Disc golf] has all the possible makings of a really popular sport to come. Anyone can go out there and play it. It's not what I

would call a high-intensity, impact sport," Moritz added. "It's just really open, and so many people can play it. It keeps continuing to grow."

The rules of disc golf are very similar to those of ball golf, with a flying disc or discs replacing a ball and club and an elevated metal basket for a "hole" versus a hole in the ground.

Waverly has two disc golf courses. One nine-hole course, designed and installed by Tom Hausmann, a member of the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) since 1988 and a former ITS staff member, is located on the Wartburg campus. It begins behind the Waverly and Afton Manors, continues behind the tennis courts and ends once again behind the Manors.

All holes are less than 300 feet and begin on a grass tee. Another nine-hole course with cement tees and holes under 300 feet is Riverside Park in southeast Waverly. This course is slightly longer and has a bit more change in elevation than Wartburg's course.

"It's a lot of fun to play," senior Andy Thompson said. "It's really a relaxed game, and you really just take it at your own pace. You don't have to worry about anybody else except for the people behind you, but there usually aren't very many people behind you."

According to Thompson and Moritz,



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DISC GOLF JUNKIES—Senior Andy Thompson plays disc golf while freshman Gus Moritz looks on.

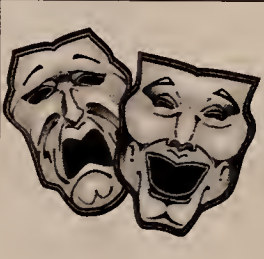



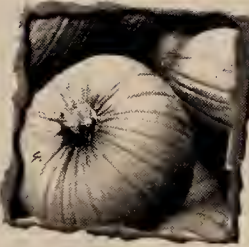
disc golf is an excellent past-time that more people should take advantage of.

"I wish more people would be out there playing this sport," Moritz said.

Thompson is in complete agreement. "I suggest everybody do it," he said.

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THIS WEEK...

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31
Courthouse Steps	Little Scrappy Concert	Fall Break begins at 7:45 a.m.	Evil House Haunted House	Cross Country Iowa Conference Championships	Halloween
					
7:30 p.m. Neumann Auditorium	National Cattle Congress, Waterloo 6-11 p.m.		Rotary Reserve, Cedar Falls 7-11 p.m.	Pella 11 a.m.	

Halloween Activities

Monsterbash

5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Mensa

Evil House Haunted House

7 to 11 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, Cedar Falls

Main Street Trick-or-treating for children

6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Main Street businesses, Waverly

Frightmares Haunted Attraction

7 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, Barn No. 9 at the National Cattle Congress Grounds, Waterloo

Heart of Darkness Haunted Attraction

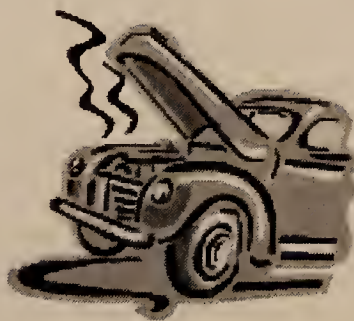
7 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 7 p.m. to midnight Sunday, Heartland Pumpkin Farms, 5111 Osage Road, Waterloo

Trick-or-treating in Waverly

5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday throughout Waverly

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CULTURAL CUISINE—Cheng (Phoebe) Fei Yik, Fan (Catherine) Man-Ling and Jodie Pearson receive a lesson in Tanzanian dishes from Hoyce Temu at a GMCS cultural awareness event Oct. 15 at Diers House.

WORLDLY WISE

a three-part series on international students

international," Kushihashi said. "Since we're from other countries, we can share our difficulties and feelings about college."

Kushihashi plans on teaching English as a second language and decided to work in the Wartburg Writing/Reading/Speaking Lab (WRSL) to gain further experience and aid other students.

"Like with International Club, I wanted to help other international students to write a paper and get homework done," Kushihashi said. "I wanted to motivate myself. This is a great opportunity for me and for my future career."

Working in the WRSL, Kushihashi teams up with another consultant when checking student's papers.

"It's like an exercise for me to speak out," Kushihashi said. "Every worker understands how difficult it is for me to speak out in English. They are so encouraging and try to make me share my opinions."

Kushihashi's background also helps the WRSL better accommodate international students.

"I can realize easier what international students really need for their English and writing skills better than American students, and I can also help Japanese students with translating," Kushihashi said.

Kushihashi also mentioned that studying in America has allowed her to be more expressive and share her feelings in public, which is something that is not typically done in Japan.

"I really like the way American students open their feelings and share their opinions in public places," Kushihashi said.

Wartburg's International Club also sends six representatives to the Iowa International Fellows Intercollegiate Event. This event contains panels, programs and social events with topics such as AIDS, economic development and international trade being discussed.

In addition to the International Club, Wolf mentioned that there are several international students who compete in athletics. Popular sports among international students include soccer and rugby.

"One student that plays women's rugby was really excited because she said that when she got here, everyone was so happy because she played the exact position that they needed," Wolf said.

There are also a number of international students involved in major-specific organizations as well as Habitat for Humanity, Students for Peace and Justice and Interfaith Dialogues. Choir also attracts international students including Paul Cort, who is originally from Guyana.

"I decided to come to Wartburg because of Simon Estes," Cort said.

In order to gain the opportunity to study with Estes, Cort transferred to Wartburg from Concordia College in Minnesota.

"The thing that I've found striking is the strong acapella, which is not usual in my country," Cort said. "It's a great learning experience to sing in a Lutheran choir because there is so much skill that can be learned by one just being in the choir and watching the conductor."

Cort mentioned that in Guyana he had only seen orchestras perform live on video. America has given him the opportunity to sing with an orchestra.

Cort utilizes his talent as a singer to work with campus ministries, singing at special occasions. He is also involved in the metropolitan chorale with choir director Dr. Torkelson.

Interaction with international students in campus organizations has and will continue to help Wartburg students benefit from diversity.

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Part Three: International students add to campus organizations

By NICK PETAROS
Sports Editor

Once international students begin to adjust to American culture, clubs and organizations play a role in their involvement within the Wartburg campus community. The group that sparks the greatest amount of involvement by international students is the International Club.

The goal of the International Club is to promote understanding between U.S. and international students in addition to introducing cultures to the Wartburg community through special events and programs. International Club traditions include activities such as quiz bowl, the Chinese New Year celebration, culture week, model UN and the cultural dinner.

"They almost have a life of their own," International Club adviser Linda Wolf said. "[Activities have] been ongoing

much longer than I've been here. They've been traditions."

Through involvement in the International Club, students get the opportunity to display some traditions from their respective countries in a diverse setting.

"You've got so many different perspectives, not just international, but you've got a bipolar aspect of students from all over the world getting to know each other," Wolf said. "Examples include students from Tanzania teaching a whole group of people Tanzanian dance or a student from Cyprus teaching people her dance. There's that kind of cultural sharing."

Tomoko Kushihashi, from Japan, is one of the student executives for the International Club. She enjoys promoting events for the organization.

"It [International club] is a great place to meet other students, American and

Tradition brings Pries back home

By TARA LEWIN
Assistant Features Editor

If you have seen a tall, dark-haired man with glasses walking around the student center, do not be in fear for you have just seen one of the new faces around campus this fall. However, Matt Pries is not a complete stranger to this campus. Pries received a Bachelor's Degree from Wartburg College in English education back in 1995.

Pries is the Saemann Student Center Director, a position new to the college this year. His job includes promoting the center and making it a welcome facility to students, staff, alumni and visitors.

"I like to think of my job as helping make the Student Center a home away from dorm," Pries said.

He hopes to accomplish this by making it a friendly, welcoming environment where students can come to relax and have a good time with their friends and peers.

Responsible for promoting the space to outside groups as well as working in a supervisory position with great people who know their jobs well, Pries is excited for the opportunity to complete the tasks that lie ahead of him.

The job of Student Center Director at Wartburg is a dream come true for Pries. He felt compelled to find his way back to the college. Pries didn't necessarily know how or when, but he knew he would be back here someday. When the opportunity came about, he knew he had to take advantage of it.

"When the position opened up, I saw it as an opportunity to stay involved with the students," he said. "After teaching for nine years, that was important to me."

What he enjoys most about his job is working with the students.

"I thrive on students' energy," he said. "The opportunity to work with driven students is a blessing."

One of his goals so far this year is to learn and remember students' names. He can be seen sometimes walking around the Den, asking students' names to get to know them better and doing his best to remember all of the people he meets.

In addition to meeting new students, Pries has had a wonderful opportunity to meet with alumni over the past couple of months. Wartburg is still vital in the lives of alumni, and Pries is excited to continue to be a part of the Wartburg tradition.

"Wartburg is very loyal to their alumni," he said. "It's no accident that the Wartburg staff is filled with alumni."

Pries believes that students come back to work here because there is a connection with the spirit of the school, the people of the school and the buildings. Alumni know what Wartburg is all about, and he believes that it is exciting to continue to be a part of such tradition and spirit.

The Wartburg spirit has been emphasized lately with the school's motto, "Be Orange." Even though "Be Orange" was created after he graduated, Pries believes it to be a way of life, which was the theme for the chapel message he gave on Wednesday.

Since graduating in 1995, Pries has earned his Master's Degree in Educational Psychology from UNI and has also taught high school English in the Hudson community and West Delaware community schools.

Pries is married to Heidi, who works in admissions, and they have a nine-month-old son, Owen.

In his free time, Pries is an avid runner and biker and has competed in several marathons and triathlons. He has also helped a few girls at Wartburg train for a marathon, and is the Pavement Pounders advisor. Staying close to his English roots is important to him, so he reads and writes as much as he possibly can.

Pries' favorite memories as a Wartburg student include fall break sophomore year and choir tour during his soph-



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A KNIGHT FOR ALWAYS—Matt Pries relaxes in his office despite his hectic schedule.

omore year where he sang at Carnegie Hall. Participating in Kastle Kapers several times was another of his favorite memories.

"It's hard for me to choose a favorite memory because I loved and still do love Wartburg College," Pries said.

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Dynamic Duo: Grafft and Olsen's friendship transfers to senior leadership

By AARON HAGEN
Sports Writer

Neighbors, suitemates, teammates and friends.

Seniors Ranae Grafft and Sarah Olsen share many things in common. As two of just three seniors on this year's Wartburg volleyball team, Grafft and Olsen have shared history on and off the volleyball court. From the sixth grade AAU team, to the Green Devils of Osage High School, and currently as Knights of Wartburg College, these two have enjoyed nothing but success playing together for 11 years.

Starting from a tough-to-beat AAU team, two state tournament appearances in high school, to winning conference for the first time at Wartburg, Grafft and Olsen have continued their friendship throughout. The two girls, who lived a block away from each other for part of their life in Osage, both ended up at Wartburg by chance.

"We actually didn't decide at the same time, it just worked out like that," Olsen said.

It was their success in high school, and a tip from Osage native and assistant wrestling coach Dave Malecek that initially caught Wartburg head volleyball coach Jennifer Walker's attention.

"They went to state their junior and senior year in high school. They are both natural athletes and were easy to pick out," Walker said.

While at Wartburg, this dynamic duo has helped re-write the record books. Olsen, who will be a three-year letter winner, holds the record for the most assists in a season and is currently third on the

career list. Grafft, who will be a four-year letter winner, holds the records for most block assists in a season and most total blocks. With her senior season not quite finished, she may again break these records and will continue to move up the career list.

In addition to Olsen's and Grafft's individual accomplishments, they have also been a part of some great Wartburg teams. Last year, Olsen and Grafft played large roles in helping the Knights win 30 matches for the second consecutive season. As juniors, they led Wartburg the farthest into the playoffs it has ever been.

As these two have improved and matured on and off the court, their friendship has continued to grow stronger, in part due to volleyball.

"Sarah and I have pretty much been best friends for as long as I can remember. Volleyball has helped us remain close," Grafft said.

"Volleyball helps us have that out from the stresses of school. When we're busy, we still have volleyball," Olsen added.

While volleyball has helped bring these two closer together, their friendship off the court has benefited to their success on the court.

"I think it helps us because we are so comfortable with each other. On the court I know where she is," Olsen said. "We know each other's game. Off the court we have the same goals for the team."

"Sarah and I know each other so well we are comfortable playing with each other," Grafft added.

As seniors on this year's squad, these two have taken on more leadership roles.

"I've always tried to lead by example,

but this year we both tried to step up in a more vocal role," Grafft said.

Even though they have been teammates for more than a decade, Grafft and Olsen each bring different personalities to the floor.

"The nice thing about them is that they have different personalities," Walker said. "They are both competitors, but Sarah is more of a perfectionist, where Ranae is more laid back."

While Grafft and Olsen have added experience, talent and leadership to Wartburg volleyball for the past four years, their tenure as Knights will soon be over.

"It'll be kind of tough to see it all come to an end because it has been a part of our lives for so long," Olsen said.

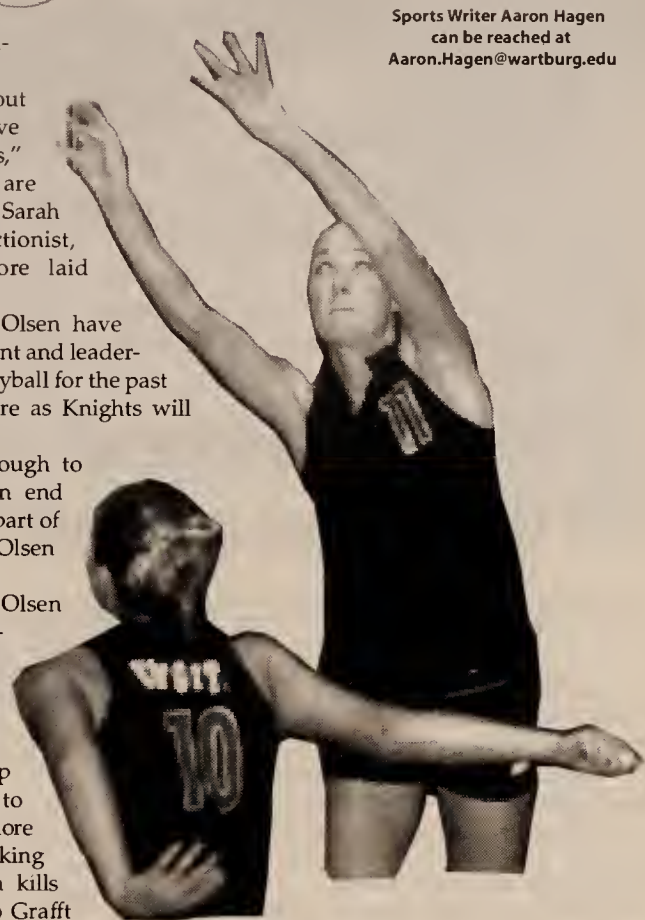
With Grafft and Olsen graduating from leadership roles on this year's team, next year Wartburg will look to younger players to utilize leadership qualities. One player to watch will be sophomore Sheena Treanor. Ranking third on the team in kills and a close second to Grafft

in blocks, Treanor was an all-conference selection last year.

"I don't think it's a matter of replacing them, but finding someone to step in their shoes," Treanor said.

"They are big shoes to fill."

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Dutch next for Knights

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The Wartburg Knights enjoyed a week off this Saturday heading into a showdown with rival Central. The game will be played Saturday at 1 p.m. at Central's A.N. Kuyper Field. Each team owns a 3-2 conference record and a loss would essentially eliminate either team from playoff contention.

Wartburg has dominated the series recently, winning the last three games and four of the last five, including last year's 29-3 romp which ended Central's run of 41 consecutive winning seasons. The Knights have outscored the Dutch 124-57 over the last five years.

This year's game features two teams with contrasting styles. Central, who in years past was a run-oriented team, now has the worst rushing offense in the Iowa Conference, averaging just under 66 yards per game. Wartburg, on the other hand, leads the conference in rushing with an average of 171.3 yards per game.

Central also has the worst rushing defense and total defense in conference, giving up 189 yards on the ground and 361 total but is second in passing offense with an average of 217



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BREAKING THROUGH—Freshman Josh Van Rees hopes to take advantage of a poor Central run defense with runs like this one against Coe.

passing yards per game. Wartburg is only averaging 160 yards per game through the air, ranking seventh in the conference.

Central is coming off a big 33-7 win against Dubuque, which snapped a two-game losing streak. Both Central and Wartburg received good news when Simpson beat Buena Vista 17-7, keeping both teams' slim conference title hopes alive.

In order for the Knights to win the conference title and the automatic playoff berth that comes with it, they need to win their last

three games and have Buena Vista lose two of its last three games otherwise Buena Vista would win the tie-breaker based on a head-to-head comparison.

Wartburg is trying to win the Iowa Conference three consecutive years for the first time in school history. If they win the conference, they will join Central, Parsons, Simpson and Dubuque as the schools to win three straight titles in conference history.

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Volleyball falls below .500 after rough weekend

By AARON HAGEN
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The Wartburg Volleyball team finished 1-3 at the UW-Whitewater tournament last Friday and Saturday. With the win and three losses, the Knights are now 14-16 on the season.

Coach Walker's squad lost the first match of the day on Friday to the host school UW-Whitewater. The Knights lost in three games, 30-18, 30-25, and 30-26. The second match of the day saw Wartburg match up against Edgewood. The Knights dominated from the start and won in three easy games, 30-14, 30-20 and 30-14.

On Saturday of the tournament, Wartburg lost both matches, one in three games, and the other in four games. The Knights played Elmhurst in the first match of the day and lost 30-24, 30-24 and 30-28. The second match of the day for

the black and orange was a match-up with UW-River Falls. After losing the first two games 30-23 and 30-18, the Knights battled back to win the third game 30-27. The fourth and final game went to UW-River Falls but not without a fight from Wartburg. The final score of the weekend for the Knights went against them, 32-30.

Due to an injury to Sheena Treanor, the Knights were forced to play with a different line-up for some of the tournament.

"[Despite] a strange line-up, we played very well. You hate to lose, but I was happy with how we played. It was very good competition. The other team took advantage of our mistakes. In the match we won, we really had control from the start," coach Walker said.

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Division III Scoreboard

Iowa Conference
Coe 28, Cornell 20
Central 33, Dubuque 7
Luther 28, Loras 17
Simpson 17, Buena Vista 7

D3football.com Top Ten

#1 Mount Union 41, Ohio Northern 27
#2 Linfield 35, Puget Sound 16
#3 Hardin-Simmons 49, #12 Mary Hardin-Baylor 22
#4 Wheaton 42, Illinois Wesleyan 25
#5 Capitol 20, #15 Baldwin-Wallace 18
#6 UW-Eau Claire 30, Gustavus Adolphus 14
#7 Concordia-Moorhead 34, Bethel 23
#8 Wooster 59, Oberlin 13
#9 Washington and Jefferson 56, Bethany 0
#10 Trinity (Texas) 52, Centre 34

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Turnaround complete

Women tie wins record

By SEAN KANE
Sports Writer

Four years after the arrival of coach Jim Conlon, Wartburg women's soccer is in the midst of its best season in school history. With its 2-0 win over Central College Saturday, the 2004 team tied the school record for most wins at 13, two games before the conference tournament. On Wednesday, Wartburg suffered its first conference loss to the central region's No. 1-ranked Loras.

Against Central, the Knights were kept scoreless throughout most of the match until freshman Andi Hudgens scored with a little over 10 minutes remaining. Senior Katie Rapp assisted her goal in the 79th minute. Senior Tiffany Treanor answered for the Knights five minutes later with a goal assisted by Hudgens. Wartburg out-shot the Dutch 41-5, and Mary Achelpohl gained the shut-out for Wartburg, needing to make only one save in what was a strong team defensive effort.



ATTACKING—Senior Katie Rapp moves the ball downfield against the Dutch. Rapp's assist led to the game's first goal.



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QUICK MOVE—Senior Tiffany Treanor attempts to move by a Central midfielder in Saturday's game. Treanor scored Wartburg's second goal in the 2-0 win over Central.

Wartburg took on Loras on Wednesday to see who would hold the top spot in the conference. The Knights took the upper hand in the first half against Loras, scoring on an own goal to put Wartburg up 1-0. The DuHawks answered back as All-Region player Michelle Wieser scored with two minutes left in the first half. Wieser would net another goal in the 84th minute to give Loras the 2-1 victory.

Loras now holds the top spot in the conference with Wartburg in third with a 4-1-1 record, clinching a conference playoff spot. Coach Jim Conlon gained his 50th win with the women's program in what is a turnaround season from the 2003 Knights team, which gained the

final spot in the conference tournament with a sixth place 3-5 record.

The Knights will look to continue their record-breaking winning season with games against Coe and the University of Dubuque next week. They take on Coe at 2:30 at home on Wednesday.

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Conference scores

Wartburg 2 Central 0
Nebraska Wesleyan 4 Buena Vista 0
Cornell 3 Dubuque 3
Luther 5 Coe 0
Simpson 0 Loras 3



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RUNNING STRONG—Senior Chelsea Krohe in action against Central.

Title hunt awaits cross country

SPORTS ANALYSIS By ANDREW DYSDALE
Sports Writer

Heading into the conference meet this weekend at Central College, expectations are high for the men's and women's cross country teams. The men are looking to repeat last year's victory and the women are aiming to reclaim the title they lost to Luther College in the kick. Head coach Steve Johnson has stressed a focus on the conference to keep either team from looking past it to the Regional meet that Wartburg is hosting on Nov. 13th.

Defending national champion senior Josh Moen will lead the men's team, looking for his first conference title. Moen has paced the team all season with wins at the Woody Greeno Invitational and Roy Griak Invitational, among others. Also playing a key role for the Knights will be junior Keith Solverson, who has proven to be a

consistent No. 2 runner for Wartburg. Another junior, Ben Carlson, has made leaps and bounds, improving from a middle-pack junior varsity runner into a solid scorer for the Knights. Sophomores Danny Corken, Kevin Balster and Patrick Johnson will also play key roles in fending off the conference field.

Wartburg's biggest challenge will be the Loras DuHawks who have been knocking on the door for the past three years. Luther and Central should mix their top runners in with Wartburg and Loras but don't figure to pose much of a threat. Luther has been without its No. 1 runner, Adam Bohach, for much of the season due to injury, and Central has had only one runner, Adam Wolfe, break up the Knights' top four.

On the women's side no one really doubts that senior Missy Buttry will claim the conference crown, but there probably will be a dog fight on the team side. Luther College has developed a solid lead pack of runners that will challenge the Knights to the final kick.

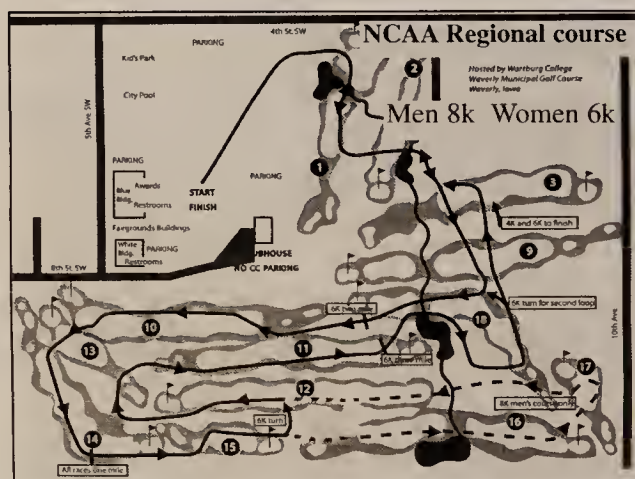
Buttry has run solidly all

year, winning every meet she has entered except for the Division I Roy Griak. The quick development of the freshmen runners has proven to be a huge boost for a women's team lacking the numbers and depth of the Norse. Sara Eppley, Julie Ridenour and BreiAnn Reedy have all been varsity scorers for the Knights throughout the season. They will join seniors Beth Neal and Brooke Ferguson and sophomore Jill Wagaman to challenge Luther.

The key to a Wartburg victory will be breaking up Luther's experienced top five. Central's Beth Cunningham and Jill Rosendaal will help their team make a strong push at a title, and Coe's Meredith Dobson will break up the scorers as well.

The women will ultimately have to run a strong team race, running together to take back their trophy.

The big goal for the weekend meet is to



Steve Johnson/HEAD CROSS COUNTRY COACH

HOME COURSE ADVANTAGE—Wartburg hopes to feature its men's and women's teams at the NCAA Central regional meet Saturday, Nov. 13. The course will be the same as the Dan Huston Invitational 8k and 6k distances at the Waverly Municipal Golf and Country Club.

bring four trophies (two varsity and two JV) on the bus back from Pella. Once that is accomplished, Wartburg can shift its focus to defending its home turf and qualifying for nationals at the regional meet on Nov. 13th.

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Soccer aces tough test

By SEAN KANE
Sports Writer

One week before fall break, the Wartburg men's soccer team had a challenging mid-term exam. The Knights hosted the region's No. 7-ranked Central and rival Loras, with first through third place conference records hanging in the balance.

Wartburg passed its test with flying colors, continuing its conference unbeaten streak with a 1-0 victory over Central on Saturday and a 2-2 tie against Loras, Wednesday. The Knights improved their conference record to 5-0-1, keeping them in first place, two wins away from the first outright regular season title in school history.

Wartburg came out early against the Dutch with a goal from sophomore Jon Hinke off an assist from Luke McClyman. The goal came under two minutes into the game and the Knights held on for the remainder to claim the victory. The Knights outshot the Dutch 28-11, and Collin Lane gained his third shut-out by making six saves in the game.

"This was a game we wanted to win from the start of the season," defenseman Zach Prieve said. "We knew they [Central] would be a top team in conference, and we knew we had to come out and play our best to get a win."

Against Loras, the Knights looked sharp early as they pulled out to a two-goal lead within 26 minutes of kick-off. Harrison Kibombo netted his first of two goals at the 12-minute mark and then the second at 26 minutes in. Verne Houston and Jake Best assisted the goals.

The Knights looked to be in control to gain another conference victory, but Loras didn't go down without a fight. They answered back with 10 minutes left with a goal from Michael Richter to pull within one. Then, with under a minute left in the game, Nick Roe netted a goal for the DuHawks to tie the game.



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3-2-1 LIFTOFF—Sophomore Jon Hinke blasts the ball in Saturday's crucial game against Central. Hinke scored the lone goal over the Dutch, helping Wartburg to remain a full game ahead of Loras.

The game went through two scoreless overtimes with both teams unable to capitalize on quality scoring chances. Lane kept the Knights in the game with six saves, all coming in regulation.

"That was a tough one to swallow," Prieve said. "It would have been real nice to beat those guys, but we had two

defensive lapses that we paid for."

The Knights will attempt to clinch the conference title this week as they play Coe and the University of Dubuque. Wartburg hosts Coe at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Waverly.

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HARRISON KIMBOMBO—Two goals against Loras put him at 16 for the season.

SCOTT HILL—

Third on the team with six goals this season. Hill is tied for the team lead in assists with nine.

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INFORMATIONPlaymakers:
Men's top three scorers**Verne Houston**—

After setting the record for most goals scored in a Wartburg soccer career last season, Houston leads the team in goals this season with 21. He earned the IAC player of the week award two weeks ago, netting 10 goals in four games.

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Rich Rites

Eating crow: don't bet on it

Welcome to the best time of the year in sports, dear readers. College football is in full swing, the NFL is starting to get interesting and hockey is off to a roaring start. Well, normally that is. Yes, those are the things that make this time of year great for sports fans.

I forgot something, you say. Oh, yes, those blasted baseball playoffs are also happening. I was, of course, paying so little attention to them that I nearly forgot. Luckily, a few of you loyal readers reminded me immediately after the last out of the Yankees/Red Sox series, just to insure that the MLB playoffs got their fair share of coverage.

Richard Podhajsky
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So, the first half of this column is a big thank-you to all of those people who took the time to look at my contact info and let me know how much they enjoyed last week's column. It really warms my heart to know that I have so many wonderful followers out there, such as Bud Winter from Schmidt House who writes, "Richard, boy did you make a fool of yourself. I'd like to say I feel for you, but I don't." and "P.S. No hard feelings." Don't worry Bud, we're still tight.

And while my prediction may have been a little off, I can take at least one positive from the situation—at least I didn't wager any money on the series. Oh, trust me, I could easily have put lots of my hard-earned dough on the line betting on the Yankees. But luckily, I learned a lesson from one of my all-time favorites, Cecil Fielder. That's right, the portly first baseman who was \$47 million in the black after terrorizing the American League with his monstrous home runs is now completely broke. The reason—gambling.

Gambling is a fad that is sweeping the nation and Fielder's story is a perfect example of what can happen when a person's greed takes over. Fielder not only lost his \$47 million but owes some \$70,000 in gambling debts. And this is not something that took him years to do. In fact, \$580,000 of it was lost in a matter of two days playing poker and blackjack. These two games are becoming increasingly popular around college campuses, including Wartburg.

Even our own beloved *Trumpet* ran an article about the popularity of poker across Wartburg's campus, something that is very alarming to me. I personally know two people who have run up debts of \$1,000-plus by going to sites like partypoker.com and playing "friendly" games of poker and blackjack. While these numbers pale in comparison to Fielder's debts, I don't know too many college students who have \$1,000 to throw away.

I am not condemning anyone who plays poker and puts money on the game. Everyone likes to spend their money in their own way. But what I am trying to say is to watch how many games of this nature you get involved in, because, as Fielder and many other gamblers have admitted, gambling addictions can become a disease.

With television coverage on ESPN, the Travel Channel and Bravo glamorizing poker, this disease is getting increasingly easy to catch. Hopefully, with celebrities such as Fielder admitting their problems, we can start to eradicate gambling addiction from our society and we can shift our focus to other things. For example, how that idiot sports columnist was ever allowed into the paper.

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